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FOR NEA/EX FROM AMBASSADOR

USIA FOR MR. NALLE

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUGJ: USIS MOVE

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1. DO NOT KNOW AT WHAT POINT AND HOW USIS MOVE AND PROPOSAL FOR CCC BECAME INTERRELATED IN DEPARTMENT'S MIND. I HOPE FOLLOWING POINTS WILL CLEAR UP CONFUSION AND ALLOW US TO PROCEED EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH USIS MOVE, IN ANTICIPATION OF WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY MADE SEVERAL CHANGES.

2. USIS MOVE ESSENTIAL BECAUSE OF EMBASSY NEED FOR MORE SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE TWO NEW EMBASSY OFFICERS, INCREASED EMBASSY LOCAL STAFF, AND INCREASED SUBSTANTIVE AND REPRESENTATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH FOLLOWED RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS. DECISION TO MOVE USIS NOT RELATED TO CCC.

3. PRESENT INCORPORATION OF USIS INTO EMBASSY, WHICH DATES FROM 1967, HAS ALWAYS BEEN UNSATISFACTORY AND IS EVEN MORE SO NOW. WE HAVE ACCOMMODATED ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL BY JAMMING THEM INTO EXISTING SPBCE. AT PRESENT EMBASSY AND USIS EMPLOYEES ARE DOUBLING--AND IN ONE CASE TRIPLING--UP IN OFFICES. WE HAVE NO PLACE TO PUT OFFICIAL VISITORS (INSPECTORS, REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS, TECHNICIANS, IRS
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REPS, ETC). WE HAVE ONE USIS LOCAL NOW SITTING IN BATHROOM

WE HAVE JUST CONVERTED. WE HAVE NO PLACE TO PUT RECENTLY
AUTHORIZED POLITICAL/PROTOCOL ASSISTANT.

4. WE ARE TOLERATING EXISTING UNSATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT
BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT PLANS TO MOVE HAD BEEN
APPROVED AND THAT WE COULD EXPECT MONEY BY END OF DECEMBER.
EXISTING BURDEN OF UNSATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT FALLING
PRIMARILY ON USIS BECAUSE THEY EVACUATED SPACE AND ACCEPTED
EXISTING INEFFICIENT AND MARGINAL SITUATION TO ALLOW US TO
ACCOMMODATE ADDED EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN ANTICIPATION OF EARLY
MOVE TO NEW CULTURAL OFFICES. HAD THEY NOT ACCOMMODATED OUR
NEEDS AT EXPENSE OF THEIR OWN, EMBASSY OFFICE SITUATION WOULD
NOW BE UNTENABLE AND USIS MOVE MANDATORY TO RESOLVE OUR
OFFICE PRESSURES.

5. MOVE WILL GIVE USIS ESSENTIAL WORKING SPACE FOR ITS CULTURAL
OFFICES WHICH ARE NOW INADEQUATE. MUCH USIS TRAFFIC CONSISTS
OF STUDENTS SEEKING INFORMATION ON STUDYING IN US. MINISTERIAL
AND NATIONAL CORPORATION BUREAUCRATS ALSO COME IN FOR
ASSISTANCE FOR PLACEMENT OF ALGERIANS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSI-
TIES. NUMBER OF SUCH VISITORS STEADILY INCREASING. THEY
ARE FILLING OUR TINY LOBBY; THEIR CARS BLOCK OUR DRIVEWAY
AND PARKING LOT OUTSIDE. ONCE THEY GET INTO NARROW OFFICE
SHARED BY CAO AND FSL THEY ARE FORCED TO STAND WHILE DIS-
CUSSING THEIR PROBLEMS BECAUSE THERE IS NOT ENOUGH SPACE
FOR THEM TO SIT DOWN. THIS SITUATION IS UNSATISFACTORY
FROM POINT OF VIEW OF EFFICIENCY AND DANGEROUS FROM POINT OF
VIEW OF SECURITY. WE NEED AN OPEN DOOR, SEPARATE FROM
EMBASSY, FOR ALGERIANS INTERESTED IN CULTURAL AND EDUCATION
EXCHANGES AND ACTIVITIES.

6. TO SUMMARIZE: NEED TO MOVE USIS STEMS FROM NEED FOR
SPACE CREATED BY INCREASE IN EMBASSY PERSONNEL, NOT FROM
NEED TO FIND SPACE FOR CCC. QUESTION AS TO WHETHER CCC
ACCEPTABLE IS ANOTHER QUESTION ENTIRELY, AND IT IS CCC THAT
IS DISCRETIONARY ITEM IN OUR SCALE OF PRIORITIES, NOT USIS
MOVE.

7. IN REPLY PARA 2, REF A, AS QUED IL KILAI IS ON SEPARATE
LINE FROM THAT OF RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY THERE APPEARS TO BE
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NO PROBLEM IN MEETING ELECTRICAL NEEDS FOR USIS OFFICES
THERE, INCLUDING AIR CONDITIONERS.
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